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REMARKS

This is in response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review that was mailed on May 10, 2006. In that communication, as well as in the final rejection, the Examiner indicated that claims 8-10 and 16-18 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, by this Amendment, Applicants propose to place this application in immediate condition for allowance. In particular, Applicants have proposed to cancel claims 1-4, 10, and 18, without prejudice while amending independent claims 5 and 13 such that they include the subject matter of allowable claims 10 and 18, respectively. In addition, claims 8 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form. Thus, by this Amendment, only independent claims incorporating the allowable subject matter of claims 8-10 and 18 are now pending in this application, thus placing this application in immediate condition for allowance.

By placing this application in immediate condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully submit that they have not raised any new issues nor does this Amendment require any further search. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is proper and will eliminate all issues for appeal. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

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